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Voting light; Mann leads in Warrenton

Only one in three registered voters turned out for Tuesday's town elections in Warrenton, Remington and The Plains.

All 11 incumbents on the ballots as well as four newcomers won Town Council or mayor's seats on a hot, summer-like day.

In Warrenton, voters answered eight months of confrontation and a federal voting rights lawsuit by electing a black citizen for the first time since the town's incorporation in 1810. John E. Mann Sr., a 56-year-old federal employee appointed to fill a council vacancy earlier this year, led the balloting with 474 votes of 693 cast, according to unofficial returns.

Mr. Mann is one of four men elected among nine Warrenton Town Council candidates.

Robert W. Rice and Daniel M. O'Connell won election for the first time, and Robert J. Hockensmith was re-elected.

Mr. Rice, a 52-year-old engineering design supervisor for C & P Telephone, finished second in the Town Council bal-

loting with 344 votes. He has been active in town affairs for several years. Two years ago, he led successful citizen opposition to council plans to levy fees for sidewalk improvements.

Mr. O'Connell, a 44-year-old attorney, came next in the voting with 335. He formerly served as chairman of the county Water and Sanitation Authority and as secretary of the county Electoral Board.

With 320 votes, Mr. Hockensmith won the fourth council seat in a nine-way race. The 47-year-old Realtor has been on the council four years. He previously served on the town Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board.

All council seats are filled at-large, meaning citizens could vote for four candidates on this year's ballot. Other candidates this year were: T. Freeland Mason (272 votes), Carole R. Benchoff (268), Ronald S. Fry (205), John G. Fox II (204) and Michael W. Ramirez (89).

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Unofficial results

Warrenton

J. Willard Lineweaver (mayor)	422
John Mann Sr.	474
Robert Rice	344
Daniel O'Connell Jr.	335
Robert Hockensmith	320
T. Freeland Mason	272
Carole Benchoff	268
Ronald Fry	205
John Fox II	204
Michael Ramirez	89
Total votes cast	693

Remington

John Henry Jones (mayor)	53
Myrna Troiano	55
T. Leo McCarthy	54
Wilbur Heflin	49
William Papierniak	43
William Polk Jr.	36
Elizabeth Hoffman	34
Jerry Dufford	29
Edward Leazer	19
Total votes cast	62

The Plains

Charles Gant	30
Fred Wines	27
Louise Adams	25
Total votes cast	32

Winners are in boldface.

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Mayor J. Willard Lineweaver, unopposed for re-election, received 422 votes. He has been mayor 12 years. Mr. Lineweaver served 15 years on the council before he was elected mayor.

Of 1,800 voters eligible, 38.5 percent participated Tuesday.

As a result of its recent settlement of a federal voting rights lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, Warrenton must hold elections by next May 22 to fill all seven council seats under a soon-to-be-adopted plan for five wards and two at-large council members.

Remington incumbents win

Six incumbents appeared on the ballot in Remington and they all won.

Elizabeth W. Hoffman, a 69-year-old retiree, also won a seat on the council for the first time.

Mayor John Henry Jones faced no opposition and was re-elected to a second two-year term with 53 votes among 62 cast. Mr. Jones, 63, is a retired diesel mechanic who works part-time as a courier. He has been involved in town government since 1979.

Myrna Troiano, appointed to a council vacancy earlier this year, led the balloting with 55 votes. Mrs. Troiano, 47, is a secretary at Groves Hardware.

Next in the voting came veteran Councilman T. Leo McCarthy with

54 votes. A 78-year-old Realtor, Mr. McCarthy has been a councilman for 22 years.

Wilbur L. Heflin followed with 49 votes. Mr. Heflin, 46-year-old owner of the Remington Drug Co., has been on the council since 1983 and previously served as Lee District's representative on the Fauquier County Parks and Recreation Board.

William Papierniak won his second term with 43 votes. Mr. Papierniak, 37, is an optician who owns Sudley Optical in Manassas.

With 36 votes, William E. Polk Jr. also won his second term. Mr. Polk, 32, is a senior program office specialist at IBM in Manassas.

Also on the ballot was Jerry W. Dufford, who received 29 votes, and Edward Leazer, who got 19.

Of 160 citizens eligible in Remington, 38.7 percent voted.

The Plains

There was no competition in The Plains, with three candidates for three four-year terms on the Town Council.

Charles R. Gant, a 50-year-old federal court security officer, won his first term in office with 30 votes of 32 cast.

Louise S. Adams with 25 votes and Fred H. Wines with 27 were re-elected.

Of 124 citizens eligible, 25.8 percent voted in The Plains.